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Dear John,

On behalf of the board and staff of the Southern Poverty Law Center, I send the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights our hearty congratulations on reaching this significant 50-year milestone. The Commission is the first southern state civil rights agency to have a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I am certain that you will continue your dedication to fighting hate, racism and discrimination in all of its forms throughout the coming 50 years.

I know that you personally have spent your entire life as a supporter of and activist for equal opportunity for all. Some may say that the need for civil rights organizations are not as great today as during the '60s and before. However, the Southern Poverty Law Center tracks and exposes numerous cases of discrimination and racism in its most hideous form – hate activity – on a daily basis. Your agency's work is a fundamental necessity to ensure that all people, in all walks of life, have the opportunity to live and work peacefully in Kentucky without the threat of harm or humiliation.

As a sister organization, we send our encouragement and appreciation for your enforcement work in upholding civil rights laws as well as for your outreach activities that keep the issue of equality on the minds and in the hearts of the public. Perhaps one day there will no longer be a need for the monitoring and enforcement of civil rights laws. Until that wonderful time, may Kentucky continue to be a front-runner in guaranteeing civil rights for all.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,



Morris Dees, Founder  
Southern Poverty Law Center